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ORGANIZATION OF WORK OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE

Note by the Secretariat

Allocation of items

1. The agenda items allocated by the General Assembly to the Third Committee are listed in the letter dated 22 September 1995 from the President of the Assembly to the Chairman of the Third Committee (A/C.3/50/1). Background information on those items may be found in the annotations to the agenda (A/50/100). A list of documents submitted under the various agenda items allocated to the Third Committee is set out in an addendum to the present document (A/C.3/50/L.1/Add.1/Rev.1*).

Programme of work

2. The suggested programme of work annexed to the present document has been prepared bearing in mind paragraph (b) of rule 99 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, General Assembly resolution 45/175 of 18 December 1990 on the rationalization of the work of the Third Committee and General Assembly decision 49/459 of 23 December 1994 on the organization of work of the Third Committee and biennial programme of work of the Committee for 1995-1996. Other relevant resolutions and decisions adopted by the Assembly, the organizational arrangements agreed upon by the Assembly at the outset of its current session (A/50/250) and the availability of documentation, as well as past experience in the utilization of conference services have also been taken into account.

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Length of statements

3. In view of the limited number of meetings available to the Committee during the session, it is suggested that the time-limit for statements be set at 10 minutes, with the exception of statements being made by the spokesmen of groups of delegations, which would be set at 15 minutes.

Conference facilities and meeting arrangements

4. Taking into account the availability of conference services for the Main Committees of the General Assembly, an average of seven formal meetings a week have been scheduled for the Third Committee. Unless otherwise specified, meetings will be held at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. In this connection, the General Assembly has reminded delegations that punctuality is of the utmost importance in the interest of ensuring an effective and orderly completion of work and achieving necessary economies for the United Nations. There will be no possibility of meeting beyond 6 p.m. or of night meetings. As decided by the General Assembly, the requirement of the presence of at least one quarter of the members of the Third Committee to declare a meeting open and permit the debate to proceed has been waived.

Working Group of the Third Committee

5. It is proposed that the work of the Working Group should continue during the fiftieth session under agenda item 112 (d). In order to permit full participation of all representatives, meetings of the Working Group will, to the maximum extent possible, not take place at the same time as meetings of the Third Committee itself.

Observance of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the United Nations and the tenth anniversary of International Youth Year

6. The Committee is reminded that the Special Commemorative meetings for the Fiftieth Anniversary of the United Nations will take place on 23 and 24 October. No meetings of the Third Committee will be held on those days.

7. In addition, the General Assembly has decided that, in the light of resolution 49/152 of 23 December 1994, plenary meetings to mark the tenth anniversary of International Youth Year will be held on Thursday and Friday, 26 and 27 October 1995. Therefore, the Third Committee will not meet on those days.

Conclusion of the work of the Third Committee

8. Bearing in mind the allocation of the number of meetings available to the Third Committee and, in accordance with the recommendation of the General Assembly at its current session, it is proposed that the Committee set a target date of 1 December for the conclusion of its work.

Annex

ORGANIZATION OF WORK OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE

Draft proposed programme of work for the fiftieth session

Programme	Documentation
Election of the Chairman (Plenary of the General Assembly)	
6 October Election of the Bureau and organization of work	
Week of 9-13 October Monday, 9 October 10 a.m.: Introductory statements and general discussion of: Item 103 a/ Elimination of racism and racial discrimination	Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council for 1995 (A/50/3) Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (A/50/18) Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid (A/50/468) Report of the Secretary-General containing proposals to supplement the Programme of Action for the Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination Report of the Secretary-General on the financial situation of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (A/50/467) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance (A/50/476) Report of the Secretary-General on the possibility of using existing voluntary funds and of establishing a new voluntary fund to combat contemporary forms of racism

Programme	Documentation
Item 104 a/	
Right of peoples to self-determination	Report of the Secretary-General Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the question of the use of mercenaries (A/50/390 and Add.1)
Tuesday, 10 October	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.:	
Items 103 and 104 - General discussion (continued)	
1 p.m.: Closure of list of speakers on items 103 and 104	
Wednesday, 11 October	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.:	
Items 103 and 104 - General discussion (concluded)	
Thursday, 12 October	
3 p.m.: Introductory statements and general discussion of:	
Item 105 b/	
Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family	Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council for 1995 (A/50/3) Report of the Secretary-General containing the interim report on the world social situation (A/50/84-E/1995/12) Report of the Secretary-General on the conceptual framework of a programme for the preparation and observance of the International Year of Older Persons in 1999 (A/50/114) Report of the Secretary-General and the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on progress made and problems encountered in the struggle against illiteracy: a mid-decade review (A/50/181-E/1995/65) Report of the Secretary-General on the International Year of the Family (A/50/370) Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons and the United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons (A/50/473)

Programme	Documentation
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on monitoring of the implementation of the Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities (A/50/374)
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the final draft world programme of action for youth to the year 2000 and beyond
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the World Summit for Social Development (A/CONF.166/9)
6 p.m.: Deadline for submission of draft proposals on items 103 and 104	
Friday, 13 October	
10 a.m.:	
Item 105 - General discussion (continued)	
1 p.m.: Closure of list of speakers on item 105	
Week of 16-20 October	
Monday, 16 October	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.:	
Item 105 - General discussion (concluded)	
6 p.m.: Deadline for submission of draft proposals on item 105	
Tuesday, 17 October	
10 a.m.: Introductory statements and general discussion of:	
Item 106 c/	
Crime prevention and criminal justice	Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council for 1995 (A/50/3)
	Report of the Secretary-General on the African Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders (A/50/375)
	Report of the Secretary-General on progress in the implementation of the strengthening of the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme (A/50/432)

Programme	Documentation
	Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Naples Political Declaration and Global Action Plan against Organized Transnational Crime (A/50/433)
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Ninth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders (A/50/373)
	Report of the Ninth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders (A/CONF.169/16)
Item 108 c/	
International drug control	Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council for 1995 (A/50/3)
	Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Global Programme of Action (A/50/460)
	Note by the Secretary-General on the implementation of resolution 48/12 (A/50/461)
Wednesday, 18 October	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Items 106 and 108 - General discussion (continued)	
1 p.m.: Closure of list of speakers on items 106 and 108	
Thursday, 19 October	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.:	
Items 106 and 108 - General discussion (continued)	
Friday, 20 October	
10 a.m.:	
Items 106 and 108 - General discussion (continued)	
Week of 23-27 October d/	
Monday, 23 October Tuesday, 24 October	
Special commemorative meetings in plenary for the Fiftieth Anniversary of the United Nations	

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Programme	Documentation
Thursday, 26 October Friday, 27 October Plenary meetings to mark the tenth anniversary of International Youth Year	
Week of 30 October-3 November Monday, 30 October 10 a.m.: Items 106 and 108 - General discussion (concluded) 6 p.m.: Deadline for submission of draft proposals on items 106 and 108	
Tuesday, 31 October 3 p.m.: Introductory statements and general discussion of: Item 107 - Advancement of women	Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council for 1995 (A/50/3) Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (A/50/38) Report of the Secretary-General on improvement of the situation of women in rural areas (A/50/257/Rev.1-E/1995/61/Rev.1) Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (A/50/346) Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women Report of the Secretary-General on the proposed merger of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women and the United Nations Development Fund for Women Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the proposed merger of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women and the United Nations Development Fund for Women Report of the Fourth World Conference on Women Report of the Secretary-General on follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women

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	Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women, including the integration of older women in development (A/50/398) Report of the Secretary-General on violence against women migrant workers (A/50/378) Report of the Secretary-General on traffic in women and girls (A/50/369) Report of the Secretary-General on improvement of the status of women in the Secretariat Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the activities of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (A/50/410)
Wednesday, 1 November 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.: Item 107 - General discussion (continued) 1 p.m.: Closure of list of speakers on item 107	
Thursday, 2 November 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.: Item 107 - General discussion (continued)	
Friday, 3 November 10 a.m.: Item 107 - General discussion (concluded) 6 p.m.: Deadline for submission of draft proposals on item 107	
Week of 6-10 November Monday, 6 November 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.: Introductory statements and general discussion of: Item 109 Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions	Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council for 1995 (A/50/3)

Programme	Documentation
	Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (A/50/12)
	Report of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the High Commissioner (A/50/12/Add.1)
	Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to unaccompanied refugee minors
	Report of the Secretary-General on consideration and review of the problems of refugees, returnees, displaced persons and related migratory movements (A/50/414)
	Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to refugees, returnees and displaced persons in Africa (A/50/413)
Tuesday, 7 November	
10 a.m.:	
Item 109 - General discussion (continued)	
1 p.m.: Closure of list of speakers on item 109	
Wednesday, 8 November	
3 p.m.:	
Item 109 - General discussion (continued)	
Thursday, 9 November	
10 a.m.:	
Item 109 - General discussion (concluded)	
3 p.m.: Introductory statements and general discussion of:	
Item 110 e/	
Promotion and protection of the rights of children	Report of the Secretary-General on the study of the situation of children in armed conflicts
	Report of the Secretary-General on concrete measures that have been taken to alleviate the situation of children in armed conflicts
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography (A/50/456)

Programme	Documentation
Item 111 e/	
Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People	Report of the Secretary-General on a comprehensive programme of action for the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People Report of the Secretary-General on the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People
6 p.m.: Deadline for submission of draft proposals on item 109	
Friday, 10 November	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.:	
Items 110 and 111 - General discussion (continued)	
1 p.m.: Closure of list of speakers on items 110 and 111	
Week of 13-17 November	
Monday, 13 November	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.:	
Items 110 and 111 - General discussion (continued)	
Tuesday, 14 November	
10 a.m.:	
Items 110 and 111 - General discussion (concluded)	
6 p.m.: Deadline for submission of draft proposals on items 110 and 111	
3 p.m.: Introductory statements and general discussion of:	
Item 112 (a) f/	
Human rights questions: Implementation of human rights instruments	Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council for 1995 (A/50/3) Report of the Human Rights Committee (A/50/40) Report of the Committee against Torture (A/50/44) Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Covenants on Human Rights

Programme	Documentation
	Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (A/50/469) Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the sixth meeting of persons chairing human rights treaty bodies
Wednesday, 15 November 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.: Item 112 (a) - General discussion (concluded) 6 p.m.: Deadline for submission of draft proposals on item 112 (a)	
Thursday, 16 November 10 a.m.: Introductory statements and general discussion of: Item 112 (b) f/ Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms	Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (A/50/36) Report of the Secretary-General on national institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights (A/50/452) Report of the Secretary-General on human rights and mass exoduses Report of the Secretary-General on respect for the principles of national sovereignty and non-interference in the internal affairs of States in their electoral processes Report of the Secretary-General on the right to development Report of the Secretary-General on human rights and terrorism Report of the Secretary-General on enhancing the principle of periodic and genuine elections and the promotion of democratization Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Declaration on the Rights of Persons Belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to States in the strengthening of the rule of law

Programme	Documentation
	Report of the Secretary-General on the strengthening of the Centre for Human Rights
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the Special Rapporteur on the elimination of all forms of religious intolerance (A/50/440)
	Report of the Secretary-General on the geographical composition and functions of the staff of the Centre for Human Rights
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Representative on assistance to the Cambodian Government in the promotion and protection of human rights
Item 112 (c) f/	
Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives	Notes by the Secretary-General transmitting the tenth periodic report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the situation of human rights in the territory of the former Yugoslavia (A/50/69-S/1995/79 and A/50/441-S/1995/801)
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report on the media of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the territory of the former Yugoslavia (A/50/71-S/1995/80)
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the periodic report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the former Yugoslavia (A/50/287-S/1995/575)
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the periodic report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the former Yugoslavia (A/50/296-S/1995/597)
	Report of the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights in Myanmar
	Report of the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights in Kosovo
	Report of the Secretary-General on rape and abuse of women in the areas of armed conflict in the former Yugoslavia (A/50/329)
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the situation of human rights in Cuba
	Note by the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights in southern Lebanon and the Western Bekaa
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Representative on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran

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	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Haiti Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Afghanistan Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Iraq Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Sudan
Item 112 (d) f/ Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action	Report of the Secretary-General
Week of 20-24 November Monday, 20 November 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.: Item 112 (b), (c) and (d) - General discussion (continued)	
Tuesday, 21 November 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.: Item 112 (b), (c) and (d) - General discussion (continued) 1 p.m.: Closure of list of speakers on items 112 (b), (c) and (d)	
Wednesday, 22 November 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.: Item 112 (b), (c) and (d) - General discussion (continued)	
Thursday, 23 November Thanksgiving Holiday	

Programme	Documentation
Week of 27 November-1 December	
Monday, 27 November	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.:	
Item 112 (b), (c) and (d) - General discussion (continued)	
Tuesday, 28 November	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.:	
Item 112 (b), (c) and (d) - General discussion (continued)	
Wednesday, 29 November	
10 a.m.:	
Item 112 (b), (c) and (d) - General discussion (concluded)	
3 p.m.: Action on outstanding draft proposals	
1 p.m.: Deadline for submission of draft proposals on items 112 (b), (c) and (d)	
Thursday, 30 November	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.:	
Introduction of all outstanding draft proposals	
Action on all outstanding draft proposals	
Friday, 1 December	
10 a.m.:	
Item 12 - Report of the Economic and Social Council	Relevant chapters of the report of the Economic and Social Council for 1995 (A/50/3)
3 p.m.: Action on all outstanding draft proposals	
Conclusion of the work of the Third Committee	

(Footnotes on following page)

(Footnotes to annex)

a/ See General Assembly decision 49/459. Items 103 and 104 are to be discussed jointly. Delegations may make two separate statements, i.e., one on each item, if they so wish.

b/ At its 3rd plenary meeting, the General Assembly decided that item 161 (Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development) should be considered directly in plenary.

c/ It is proposed to discuss items 106 and 108 jointly. Delegations may make two separate statements, i.e., one on each item, if they so wish.

d/ There will be no meetings of the Third Committee during the Fiftieth Anniversary observance on 23 and 24 October. On 26 and 27 October, the Plenary will observe the tenth anniversary of the International Youth Year and will consider the world programme of action for youth to the year 2000 and beyond.

e/ It is proposed to discuss items 110 and 111 jointly. Delegations may make two separate statements, i.e., one on each item, if they so wish.

f/ See General Assembly decision 49/459. Sub-item (a) is to be discussed separately; sub-items (b), (c) and (d) are to be discussed jointly. Delegations may make one statement under sub-item (a) and two statements under sub-items (b), (c) and (d), but should not make two statements on any one sub-item.